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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 7-8 as follows:

(currently amended) A heat-resistant magnesium alloy for casting, the magnesium alloy being good in terms of the castability and heat resistance[[,]] and consisting of:

calcium (Ca) in an amount of from 3 to 15% by mass;

aluminum (Al) in a summed amount of from 4 to 25% by mass with the amount of Ca;

manganese (Mn) in an amount of from [[0.1]]0.2 to [[1]]0.7% by mass;

the balance being magnesium (Mg) and inevitable impurities when the entirety is taken as 100% by mass;[[and]]

a mass ratio of the Ca amount with respect to the Al amount, Ca/Al by mass. being 1 or more,

[[and]] wherein the magnesium alloy has an average crystalline grain diameter indexing the structural roughness, the average crystalline grain diameter [[is]]being 18 µm or less.

2. (canceled)

- 3. (previously presented) The heat-resistant magnesium alloy set forth in claim 1, wherein the mass ratio of the Ca amount with respect to the Al amount, Ca/Al by mass, is 2 or more.
- 4. (original) The heat-resistant magnesium alloy set forth in claim 1, wherein a solidification temperature width, a temperature difference between a liquidus temperature at which a molten metal starts solidifying and a solidus temperature at which the molten metal completes solidifying, is 110 °C or less.

5.–6. (canceled)

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7. (currently amended) A heat-resistant magnesium alloy cast product being good in terms of [[the]]heat resistance[[,]] and produced by a process comprising the steps of: pouring a molten alloy having a liquidus temperature or more into a mold, the molten alloy comprising the heat-resistance aluminum alloy set forth in claim 1; and solidifying the molten alloy by cooling it after the pouring step.

8. (currently amended) The heat-resistant magnesium alloy cast product set forth in claim 7, wherein the inevitable impurities are free from a rare-earth element.

9.–17. (canceled)